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further, I would respectfully suggest that Rio Grande City be considered an important quarantine station on account of its present relation to the interior Mexican towns in the Tampico district, and also of its future relations when the Mexican National Railroad will have built its branch from Monterey to Matamoros.

Sanitary meeting at Corpus Christi—Inspection at San Diego.

Acting Assistant Surgeon McGregor reports, through Passed Assistant Surgeon Richardson, as follows:

SAN DIEGO, TEX., *May 27, 1904.*

I returned from Corpus Christi this morning after holding a good meeting of county and city officials and citizens. These were interested and organized to take active steps in fighting the mosquitoes and securing sanitary conditions. All are pleased that the Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service has entered into the work, and they promise their hearty cooperation. The Ladies' Monday Club are also interested and will give their support to means of thorough sanitation.

The new railroad from Robstown to Brownsville is almost completed, and there are a great many people along the line. At Kingville many families are moving in, but so far I hear of no sickness along the line. In Corpus Christi I found numerous cases of malarial and slow continued fever.

We have inspected up to date in this place 213 houses, containing 460 rooms; oiled 54 water containers.

I shall leave for Alice after completing here.

SAN DIEGO, *May 29, 1904.*

We will finish inspection and oiling to-day and go to Alice.

I am informed that there are some cases of chills and fever at a ranch near here. I shall investigate to-day.

More than 100 householders here desire to have their premises fumigated. I shall report the number of rooms required to be disinfected when we finish to-day.

SAN DIEGO, *May 30, 1904.*

I inspected yesterday and to-day 130 houses, containing 220 rooms; oiled—barrels, 16; tanks and cisterns, 7; wells, 2; ponds, 18.

I inspected some ranches about 2 miles from here, and found 3 cases of intermittent fever in 1 family and some other cases, but none suspicious.

I learn to-day of some sick people in Benavides, who are said to have arrived from Mathis on the Aransas Pass Railroad. I shall leave the inspectors here to finish the work we have in hand, and investigate conditions at Benavides.

The San Diego Creek, which is usually dry in the summer, is at present a succession of pools, which, however, are being oiled for a mile or so, or as far as the town extends.

The people seem anxious to cooperate, and are screening and oiling their water containers. They are of the opinion that there were cases of yellow fever here last year. The disease was then considered dengue, or paludism.